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ACQUISITION OF DEEP SUBMERGENCE RESCUE VESSELS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy proposes to acquire Deep Submergence Rescue Vessels (DSRVs) as reported in the Times of India on April 10, 2005;

(b) if so, whether the staff evaluation process of the DSRV system of two foreign firms has been completed;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) the main features of the proposed vessels; and

(e) the time by which these vessels are likely to be inducted into the Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): Proposed acquisition for the Deep Submergence Rescue Vessels (DSRVs) are of contemporary design and would cater to the specification of the Indian Navy. Acquisition would be made only after the evaluation of the vessels offered by the short listed firms.

The DSRVs would be inducted after all necessary approvals are accorded.